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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6639**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1325

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 19, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Mobile Support Unit Personnel for Disaster Relief.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Frye R

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☒ **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Temporary Employees & Worker's Compensation*- The bill provides that certain individuals serving as members of a mobile support unit are considered to be temporary employees of the state for purposes of worker's compensation law and worker's occupational diseases law.

*State Reimbursement*- The bill authorizes the state to reimburse a political subdivision for a backfill employee necessary for the political subdivision to fill the position and duty of an employee deployed to a mobile support unit, but only if and to the extent that the cost of the backfill employee represents an extra cost to the political subdivision. The bill makes corresponding changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Temporary Employees & Worker's Compensation*- This provision would likely not significantly impact the state Worker's Compensation Board's (WCB) workload or the state as an employer. The WCB anticipates that any additional filings this provision might bring would be minimal and would likely be submitted electronically.

*State Reimbursement*- This provision would increase state reimbursement to include political subdivision backfill employees. Currently, the state can reimburse a political subdivision for compensation (including travel and subsistence), death, disability, or injury payments, and losses and damage of supplies and equipment while the employee served as a member of a mobile support unit. Any increase in reimbursement that may result would depend on state action.

Background Information- The state paid out \$16,800 to political subdivisions for mobile support unit expenses in CY 2012.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *State Reimbursement-* Political subdivisions may receive more compensation from the state if more backfill employees in mobile support units make additional claims for reimbursement.

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Homeland Security; State Worker's Compensation System.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Political subdivisions.

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